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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Sat 8/29/2015 11:56:49 PM  
**Subject:** RE: GKM Update-please read

Thanks ..ng

**From:** Harrison, Melissa  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 29, 2015 7:55 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy  
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Yes. To the GKM list.

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On Aug 29, 2015, at 7:53 PM, Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks .. are these going out as press releases from vocus as well? Thanks ng

**From:** Harrison, Melissa  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 29, 2015 6:39 PM  
**To:** Stanislaus, Mathy; Reynolds, Thomas; Fritz, Matthew; Mitchell, Stacey; Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole; Tulis, Dana; EOC Public Information; Gray, David; Grantham, Nancy; Meiburg, Stan  
**Cc:** Burke, Thomas

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Good evening,

Shortly, we will post and release new water quality and sediment data for the San Juan River in Navajo Nation. The messaging is the exact same as yesterday. (See below)

Also, we have waited all day on revised R8 data and have not received it. Due to the lateness of the day, we are going to issue the Navajo release now and wait until tomorrow for the R8 posting.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Melissa

### **EPA Update on Gold King Mine Response: San Juan River Data**

**WASHINGTON** – Today EPA released new water quality and sediment data for the San Juan River within the Navajo Nation as part of the ongoing Gold King Mine response.

**What data is EPA posting today?** Today EPA is posting August 24th sampling data results from the San Juan River in the Navajo Nation. Surface water and sediment samples were collected at 12 locations and analyzed for 24 metals, including arsenic, cadmium, lead and mercury. Concentrations of iron and other metals in San Juan River water in the Navajo Nation peaked during the week of August 10<sup>th</sup> as the mine release moved through the Navajo Nation, but have since trended to pre-release conditions.

## **What do the sample results show?**

Based on the comparison of pre-event data with data collected over the past two weeks, the pre-event sampling data show that concentrations for all 24 metals in surface water have trended to pre-event conditions, well below Recreational Screening Levels. The metal concentrations of the samples were also below soil / sediment recreational screening levels. Based upon the sediment sampling results, sediment sample concentrations are trending toward pre-event conditions as well.

View the data here: <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/data-gold-king-mine-response>

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